



Speakers bring breast cancer awareness to Sacred Heart



Photo by Ryan Greenfeld

Tuesday night speakers led by Pamela Levangie spoke about breast cancer awareness.

As part of Breast Cancer Awareness month, a group of Sacred Heart Students gathered in the Schine Auditorium Tuesday night to discuss the realities of breast cancer.

The talk, led by Associate Professor Dr. Pamela K. Levangie, is a breast cancer survivor herself.

The overall message was one of prevention, as this disease can occur in women of any age.

"If you're 20 your chances of developing [breast] cancer are lower, but not impossible, so you should start checking early."

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Answering the Call

A new book by Dr. Ralph Corrigan

By Kerry Freel
News Editor

With a foreword written by Dr. Anthony J. Cerna, President of Sacred Heart University, over 20 pages of pictures of volunteerism in action, and over 100 pages of text of community service from Bridgeport to El Salvador, Mr. Ralph Corrigan, Professor Emeritus, has published a book called **ANSWERING THE CALL**.

Corrigan traveled to El Salvador three times, the first time being in 1992.

He first came to the University in 1967 as the director of freshman english. Corrigan has taught a wide array of writing courses here at Sacred Heart, from News

Writing and Reporting to Creative Writing.

He worked for Sacred Heart for 33 years, and for 13 of these years he was the Spectrum advisor. He retired in 2000 and holds the title of Professor Emeritus.

The book opens with a brief history of the University and it's involvement with the plight of the nation of El Salvador.

When Sacred Heart University was just a twinkle in the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, Bishop of Bridgeport's eye, he dreamed of an institution combining the spirit of Vatican II and higher learning to graduate men and women who would go on to play active roles in the church, according to the very first page of the book.

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Student Government makes plans for the year

By Erin Demchak
Staff Reporter

As the Freshman Student Government elections came to an end and the class of 2005 now has its officials to represent them, the Student Government is starting out it's year.

On Sunday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m., a meeting was held for the entire Student Government, which included the classes of 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, SET, CCO, Finance Board, and Greek life, to present information from each of these areas.

Each member of the executive board presented a two-minute update on what they have done so far and what they are planning on doing for the year.

The president of the Student Government is Junior Tom Pesce from Ridgefield, CT, and the Vice President is senior, Dana Mohrman from Hicksville, NY.

"The meeting was to kick

off the year on a positive note and so everyone could be on the same page with one another. We are very fortunate to have our Student Government set up the way it is here at Sacred Heart. Unlike most universities, our Student Government encompasses just about every aspect of student life on campus. Every club, organization, and even Greek life are part of Student Government and this is a great advantage in strengthening the student voice on campus," said Pesce.

This year not only brought in new faces, but a remodeled office as well. The old Student Government office was completely restored over the summer with new carpet, paint, chairs, cabinets, countertop, and new equipment.

This summer the Student Government also tackled the issues of the completion of FLIK, construction on the East Hall traffic light, and revamping the administration link system for better communication

between students and administration.

The Student Government will be holding the State of the University address on Nov. 6, 2001, a mock accident during Alcohol Awareness week, as well as a new "impact car" to make

people aware of how many lives alcohol has effected.

For future elections, Student Government is trying to implement on-line voting. A web master is being appointed to Student Government to handle this job.

Pesce said he hopes to start a panel of Student Government presidents from every private Connecticut University to discuss similar problems and issues.

Student Government is also



Dana Mohrman, left, VP of student government and Tom Pesce, right, president.
Photo by Megan Flood

planning on strengthening the alumni relation and involving Student Government members with SHU alumni in events like SOTUA to create a networking system and show past students what our school is doing now.

"As uniquely different as all of our organizations may be, we all share a common similarity amongst each other: our love for our school and what we do.

"Whenever people work together for something that they love, the outcome never results in anything less than success.

We are all on the same team and we are all here for each other. When all of us are working together, there truly is nothing that we can't accomplish.

"I look forward to one of the best years SHU has ever seen and I thank all of you for your hard word and dedication," Pesce said.

Student Government meetings are open to all students at 9:15 a.m. on Mondays in the Student Affairs Conference Room.

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Safewalk begins

By Keri Nastri
Staff Reporter

Safewalk is a nighttime walking escort service "designed to make people feel more comfortable about walking alone at night around campus," said the club's President, Stefano DiSorbo, a junior from Hamden, CT.

The organization was started in the spring of 2001 by the brothers of Lambda Sigma Phi and alumna and graduate assistant, Kerri Casella.

These fraternity brothers carry a mission of keeping the campus aware of rape and sexual abuse. The fraternity's dedication to this idea was the key force behind forming this service organization.

Safewalk consists of about 30 members who all work together to make the students of Sacred Heart University feel comfortable and safe on campus. They are located in Hawley Lounge and operate from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. every Thursday through Saturday.

If any student has to walk from one place to another on campus alone after 9 p.m., then

they can call the hotline and ask for assistance.

A few minutes later a walking team will meet the student at the place they requested.

A walking team consists of a male and female student. They are equipped with walkie-talkies that reach safewalk headquarters as well as Public Safety. Walkers are identified by their orange vests, which make them visible at night.

"This service is good for incoming freshmen and all students who many not feel safe walking alone on campus," said Jessica Hommel, a sophomore from Valley Cottage, NY.

"If I was alone I would definitely take advantage of this," Hommel said.

"It makes me feel more safe, so I joined so that others can feel safe as well," said Taryn Mahoney, a junior from Glenhead, NY and member of the organization.

The members of Safewalk are excited to begin operating on Thursday, October 4.

"We just want to make this school a safer place," said junior Matthew Hales from Union, NJ.

For a Safewalk escort call 396-8333.

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Up close with University College

By LaMar Kennedy
Staff Reporter

Earn up to six credits in seven and a half weeks with the Sacred Heart University College.

The University College offers credit certificate programs in Computer Science, Marketing, and Financial Management that can be applied to a degree program.

The University College, formally known as Continuing Education, is one of Sacred Heart's programs for working professionals and part-time students who want to further their education.

"I feel that the University College and its staff are very helpful in assisting working students such as myself to take the necessary steps needed to complete their degree," said Nicole Swilling, a senior. Swilling has been part of the University College program since 1999.

AHEAD, which stands for Adults in Higher Education working for Accelerated Degrees, offers degrees in Business Administration, Finance, International Business, and General Studies.

Consisting of five seven and a half week sessions, it allows the completion of a degree in half the time of a normal part time program.

Students can earn up to six credits per session. In addition to classes on the Fairfield campus, classes are also offered in Danbury, Derby, Shelton, and Stamford.

The AHEAD program also offers classes at People's Bank for it's employees.

"It was so convenient and rewarding. You register, receive your books, and attend classes right here at the bank. It couldn't be any easier," said Jo-Ann D'Amico, a recent graduate of the AHEAD associate degree program and People's bank employee.

Another aspect of UC is the six-year-old distance learning program. Powered by Jones Knowledge software, distance learning is Internet based and allows students to work from home on their PC's. All a prospective student needs is access to the Internet, E-mail, and Microsoft Word or compatible software.

Recently the distance learning program received a grant from the Davis Education Foundation for

\$37,500, to help improve it's quality.

"Through this grant we will be able to improve the quality of the teaching and learning in our already solid online learning program," said Stephen Brown, UC Dean.

One new program that will be offered because of the Davis grant is online tutoring for distance learning students. This will benefit approximately 150 undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled.

UC currently has approximately 1,150 part-time undergraduate students. Ed Danoto, Associate Dean, says UC averages 400 new students per year, with approximately 220 new students enrolled this fall.

Students enrolled are eligible for \$150 book vouchers. A total of forty vouchers are given out per year, twenty each semester.

For more information about the AHEAD program, call 1-888-SHU-EDU1 or E-mail at continued@sacredheart.edu. For more information about distance learning, call (203) 371-7831, or e-mail coreyh@sacredheart.edu.

Battling Breast Cancer

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Levangie said, "You need to be your own biggest advocate."

Tracy O' Kane, a physical therapy graduate student from Odenton, Maryland found a mass in her breast right before she came back to school for this year.

"I'm 29-years-old and I didn't think that this could happen to me," O'Kane said.

Though this mass is probably cystic, she points to the importance of self-exams. She feels that if she had not performed the exam this lump would probably have gone unnoticed.

The importance of self-exams was addressed by each speaker.

Though this is a disease that attacks far more women, men still have cause for concern.

According to Levangie, 1500 cases of breast cancer will be reported in men during the year 2001. Additionally, men should be concerned for the women in their lives.

Graduate students, Dave Buck from Little Falls, NJ and Brandon Westfield from Natick,

MA, both had mothers who survived this cancer.

Others are not as lucky. Breast cancer is the most common cause of death in women, second only to lung cancer.

Risk factors include high alcohol intake, lack of exercise, consumption of a high-fat diet, and use of hormone replacement therapy.

Additionally, there is a much higher risk in people with a strong genetic pre-disposition.

Levangie mentioned new therapies that could be considered for those who have a parent, grandparent or other members of immediate family with Breast Cancer.

Tamoxifen, a drug that is currently used to prevent Breast Cancer re-occurrence may be used to prevent the initial occurrence of the cancer.

Those wishing for more information about breast cancer need only turn to the web at www.cancer.org or go to www.nabco.org to get a monthly reminder to perform a self breast examination.

And the winners are...

By Kasey Semler
Staff Reporter

Sacred Heart University freshmen recently had their first experience with candidates' campaigns, speeches, and voting. Last week, the student government held elections for the Class of 2005.

Posters and slogans adorned the halls of the University urging students to cast their ballots for the very best.

Vice-president candidate Victoria Pezzalo created a clever saying so her peers could surely remember her name: "Vote Personal, Vote Proud, Vote Productive, Vote Victoria Pezzalo."

There were many other campaign statements and enticements that informed the freshmen on their presidential candidates.

Perhaps the most informative event, organized to help the freshmen make the right decision, was the candidate speeches.

On Wednesday afternoon, each candidate declared their promises and read their speeches to an audience in the Mahogany Room.

Each nominee described their past leadership roles, and experiences in student govern-

ment. Although not all of the candidates held previous political positions, each presented themselves with dignity and superb character.

"I'm just me, I'm not a fake and I'm very personable," said Presidential candidate Anthony DiBari in his speech.

Students proposed various ideas for the Class of 2005, such as a World Trade Center relief fund, in wake of the September 11th attacks; weekend festivities to keep students active and involved; and improved recycling programs throughout the school.

"No one in this world can promise," stated freshmen Hassan Reda, who also ran for president, "they can only promise to try."

Kevin Johnson-Azuara, a third presidential nominee, explained to the crowd how he was recently contemplating transferring to another college.

"I almost transferred, but was shown how lucky I am," he said, "We are all lucky to be going to such a great school."

"This election is not a popularity contest," added Johnson-Azuara, "I want the Class of 2005 to be the best class ever to walk the halls of Sacred Heart."

As the student government speeches continued, candidates addressed the issues they thought concerned the students most.

Discussions of Flick, housing, and transportation were

among the topics that were presented.

"I am challenging myself to take the initiative for my life and the Class of 2005. I hope to unite us and to do my best to get what you want," Presidential candidate Michael Haynes said.

He completed his speech with a humorous tone, joking, "Vote for the right man, not the wrong guy."

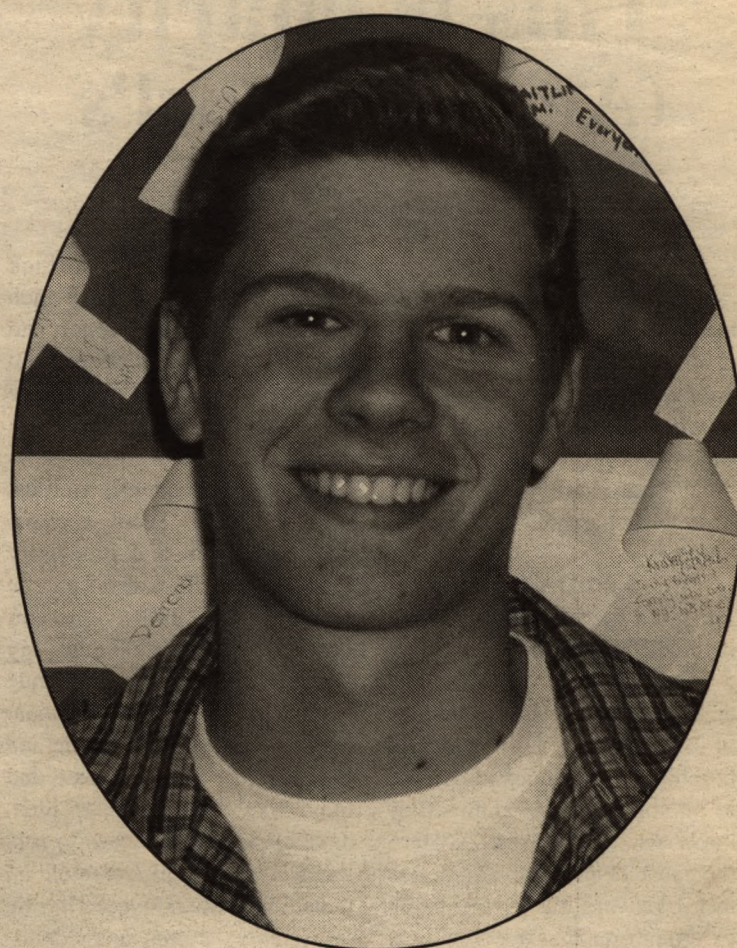
This resulted in laughter from the audience, who understood that this comment was in reference to the final presidential candidate, Guy Savage.

"I am a people person," he assured. Then after requesting everyone in the room to stand up and finally sit down, Savage concluded, "I get things done."

Following the speeches, the candidates congratulated each other, while members of the freshmen class were encouraged to cast their ballots.

On Thursday evening the votes were tallied and it was announced that Guy Savage had won the first student government election for the Class of 2005, and would be this year's President.

Others who won include: Chad Rechcygl, vice-president; and Teresa Mondelli; treasurer.



Newly elected president of the class of 2005, Guy Savage.

Photo by Ryan Greenfeld

News Briefs

Patriotic pins on the way

The student government executive board has ordered patriotic pins in honor of the September 11 tragedy. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross. Pins will be on sale after Columbus Day Weekend.

Tree dedication in the works

The student government executive board is working with Dr. Anthony Cernera, President of Sacred Heart University, and Buildings and Grounds to have a tree dedication in honor of the September 11 tragedy.

Senior class trip

The senior class trip to Foxwoods is planned for October 29. The buses will leave from Public Safety at 7:45 p.m. You must be a senior to attend, but you do not have to be 21 years old. There are many things to do at Foxwoods that do not require that you be 21. More information will be posted in upcoming *Spectrum* issues.

Lecture series comes to SHU

Three guest speakers are scheduled to come to Sacred Heart to talk about ethical issues. These lectures will start on Wednesday, October 10 (in the Faculty Lounge), then follow on Monday, October 22, and end on Thursday, November 1 (the latter two will take place in the Schine auditorium). The topics to be discussed include artificial intelligence, animal rights, and the unborn human fetus.

Library closed for three days

The Ryan-Matura Library will be closed from Saturday, October 6 through Monday, October 8. The reason for the closure is because of the installation of new carpeting and the Columbus Day Holiday.

Career development information

Attention seniors! Career development is looking to be in contact with you to keep you updated on job fairs and workshops that need to be attended this semester. Simply log on to <http://sacredheart.jobdirect.com>. You will be able to access the necessary information from the comfort of your own home.

-Compiled by Kerry Freely

Corrigan 'Answers the Call'

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Six Jesuits were murdered at the University of Central America on Thursday, November 16, 1989 after midnight. This sparked active Sacred Heart involvement in the country.

It was decided that SHU would send faculty and administrative delegates to El Salvador.

Corrigan was asked to write a report about the service he was involved in. After handing in numerous reports, the people who read them decided it would make a wonderful book.

Writing started in May of 2000 and took a little over a year to compile and complete.

"I worked every day for two or three hours," Corrigan said.

One chapter in the book, Chapter 3, is entitled, "The Broken Heart Experience."

"Dean Brackley, who is a priest who taught at Fordham, first said this. He meant that if you walk with the poor and lis-

ten to their stories, you will have your heart broken. This will put you in a place where you will want to do as much good as you can," Corrigan explained.

From working here at Sacred Heart for 33 years, Corrigan saw a lot of changes in the school.

"Dr. Cernera's arrival at Sacred Heart was the most significant thing that happened in the University's history," Corrigan said. "He changed it from a commuter to a comprehensive University."

Community service has always been pervasive at Sacred Heart.

The El Salvador involvement sparked a lot of other organizations here at Sacred Heart.

Freshman Week, also known as Community Connections, and Curtis Week are both direct outgrowths of El Salvador.

"When fraternities and sororities were approved, they could not be approved simply as social organizations. They all had to show the group providing some kind of service to the com-

munity," said Doug Bohn, as quoted in this book.

"He was one of the early leaders in developing community service at the University. Today it is an integral part of our mission and life as a Catholic University," said Dr. Cernera.

Corrigan himself was not always involved in community service. He always wanted to get involved; the idea of doing good deeds was always in his mind.

But ever since El Salvador, he has been true to the community service cause.

Sidney Gottlieb, who was a major force in the printing of Corrigan's book, said, "Working with Ralph is one of my greatest experiences and pleasures in all my 26 years! I have always been amazed at how much Ralph accomplishes on all levels: in his classes, working individually with students, and in his involvement with the programs detailed in his book."

Answering the Call is available to buy for \$14.95. All the proceeds go to service programs at the University.

This is charity (An intellectual's perspective)

The assertion was made by one, as many do, "That charity should become a part of human nature" Is this true and if so why? Has the author of these statements genuinely reflected upon what charity really is and if so will charity in fact benefit humanity?

Subsequently, I now ask this expert on charity, what is the difference between giving a homeless man a dollar and donating a dollar to the victims of the World Trade Center bombing? This question needs to be solved if one claims they know what charity is. To start, the cause of this mans homeless state was originally due to an external force that overwhelmed the individual. Nevertheless, through many different interrelated events this person has produced a state of homelessness because of their lack of responsibility and ownership over their life. This second part of that movement is what separates a homeless man from the ensuing situation. Furthermore this situation is categorizes as vice for it is impeding and preventing this person from actualizing their natural capacities. Thus this static state has been created and perpetuated by the homeless man through his lack of effort and action.

Now in opposition to that state of homelessness is the cat-

astrophic event, which took place on September 11, which left many in need of support and assistance. This was an event in which an uncontrollable force employed its will over these people thus making them powerless and consequently victims. As a result this event warrants ones assistance and or charity for these people had no part in producing this event. Furthermore to elucidate my point if these victims continue to ask for assistance continual over time they should be denied because the event is over and they, like the homeless man, have allowed their vices to rule themselves therefore creating an unhealthy state. Henceforth, the importance of this understanding lies in the distinction between charity as a static state, homelessness, and an event, World Trade Center bombing. In addition you are rewarding a homeless man for his vices when you provide him with charity. Inevitably a developed state of charitable acts reinforcing ones vices will lead to break down in our society and birth of many greater disorders. Now if this is what needs to be done for one to do their part, then I will thoughtfully decline.

Nicholas DeAntonis
I.A.
Senior

An intellect's judgement

"That is just your opinion."
"Different people have different opinions." "Who am I to judge?"

These are three classic examples of relativistic assertions. Relativism by definition is the de-valuing of values in a lack of judgement and investigation. When one reduces another to, "just their opinion" they are neither listening to the other nor engaging their mind. In this movement is an underlying theme that our American Culture is beginning to harbor; laziness and ignorance. "You have your opinion I have mine, as long as you don't infringe on me I won't infringe on you."

Now let us take this disease and bring it to a more concrete example, the tragic September 11th suicide bombing of the W.T.C. Let me hypothetically ask the relativist now if what the actions that were done were unjust or wrong. "I think its wrong but, they grew up in a different culture and, who am I to judge?" Well, it is in this assertion that a conclusion can be made which is both valid and

credible. A relativist is no different than the men who did these terrible acts against our country. Why you ask? Well, these men were dogmatic, not interested in investigation, and not willing to establish effort in exchanging ideas. This you see is the root of a larger issue; not their motive, not their justifications, the lack of intellectual effort. Consequently, this underlying problem is capable of becoming a, "21st Century Chimera." If we do not start thinking, engaging our minds, letting down our egos and starting up our conversations now, we will eventually lead to a bunch of selves in a foundationless society. If this subjective chaotic wave occurs and if we continue to de-moralize, de-humanize and yes, kill thousands and thousands of innocent people cause we "know" we are right we will become the next civilization to end and you cannot tell me otherwise because that is just your opinion.

Thankfully Judging,
Carmine Perri "I.A."
Senoir

Straight from the Heart

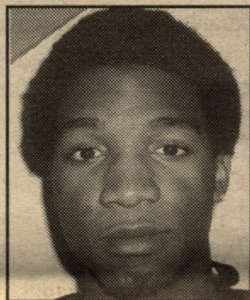
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What would you like Student Government to change about SHU?



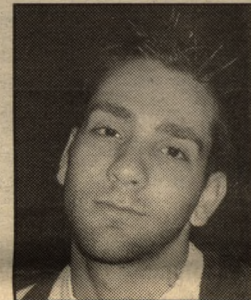
Paul Elumeze
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Junior

"Find more students to get involved & empower the students to influence decisions they make. Why change flik when we have no housing?"



Dustin Sabbela
East North Port, NY
Senior

"Parking garage! Somehow, someway."



Don Pump
Fairlaw, NJ
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"Transportation"

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The chance of a lifetime: The Luxembourg Program

By Alexis Dionne
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To be quite honest with you, I never thought that my first European destination would be Luxembourg. The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg borders France, Germany and Belgium, and it is smaller than Rhode Island by two square miles.

I was ecstatic to have the opportunity to spend four months in a foreign country. A new language, a new culture, a new way of life. Arriving at Logan Airport on January 15, many different emotions were running through my head.

Not only was I completely excited, I was also completely nervous. There was no coming home for the weekend if I caught the flu. It was all me, on my own, in the real world, and this was a world where they don't speak English! In

Luxembourg, they speak French, German and Luxembourgish.

We attempted to break the language barrier by taking French class. Because of the ideal location of Luxembourg, right in the heart of Europe, there was plenty of opportunity for travel. The group of ten students and Dr. Gold went to Trier, Germany for a day, which was just over the border.

We went to the Karl Marx house, and took a weekend trip to Paris. We went to the Eiffel Tower, L'arc de Triomphe, the Louvre and more. We went to Bastogne, Belgium, where the Battle of the Bulge took place. We also spent a week in a tiny town called Mosbach, Germany.

We also had plenty of time to travel on their own. I spent a week in London and Cambridge, England, I spent a few days in Berlin, Germany. I

also had the chance to go to Poland for Easter and I visited Auschwitz while I was there. That was a surreal experience that I can't easily put into words. After seeing the Tatra Mountains in southern Poland, my friend drove me across the borders of the Czech Republic as well as Slovakia.

Other travel destinations included Portugal, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, other parts of France, and several other cities. Dr. Gold also arranged many field trips for us. Luxembourg is a member of the European Union, and several of the EU buildings are located there. We visited the European Parliament and the European Commission. We also went to the US Embassy in Luxembourg and had tea with the officials there.

We made ourselves feel quite at home at Sparky's, an internet café. Sparky's was also one of the only places where

English was spoken by the employees.

Some people dated locals, and some people turned down marriage proposals from Spaniards named Jose who were only after one thing (a green card). Some of us celebrated birthdays. Some of us had family and friends visit. Some of us lost credit cards and wallets.

We all got homesick at times, naturally. Dr. Gold was always there for us when he was needed. There was always a phone to call home.

The ten of us became close during these four months. In a sea of unfamiliarity, it is good to have some people there who are just like you. Sometimes you want to go to a place where everybody knows your name. No Cheers, so we just went to Sparky's!

Like I said, I never thought my first trip to Europe would be Luxembourg, but I would not

change it even if I had the chance. Luxembourg is a beautiful country. Its close proximity to many other destinations makes it all that much more attractive. If I could sum up my experience in Luxembourg in one word, I think I would use incredible.

I learned so much about myself; I found strengths I didn't know I possessed. The world out there is huge and it's ours for the taking. There is so much for us to see and experience that extends far beyond the United States. I would encourage each and every one of you to look into studying abroad. It is an experience that I wouldn't trade for anything. It is a time you will never, ever forget; an experience you can't get sitting in a classroom in Fairfield, CT. You will discover a world you never knew existed. Remember, it's the experience that counts...it's not about the books!

Parking still a problem

I'm finally a senior this year, yet the school seems completely different to me. I spent three years as a resident (South Hall, East Hall, then Parkridge), but this year I commute from my hometown of Branford, CT. Only thirty minutes away, I looked forward to living off-campus. Now that I am a few weeks into the school year, I am beginning to doubt my decision. Along with most students who have cars, my mornings usually begin with a fight for a parking spot in North Lot. Although I am a commuter, and I have my trusty red decal, I know not to bother with the Commuter Lot because that seems to fill up with everyone but commuters sometime around sunrise.

Stressing so much about the constant hassle, I went so far as to speak with a Public Safety Officer who was distributing decals. I asked him if they were going to be ticketing people in the Commuter Lot who did not have decals, and he replied, "Only if it is out of control... like people parked along the curb." When I asked him if I was OK in a regular spot without a decal, I was told that was fine. So basically that incident makes me feel that one of the few privileges I have means nothing to the school. If decals are necessary then they should also be enforced. Public Safety gives out tickets to people who park at Parkridge, East Hall, J-Hill and in South Lot without a decal, so the same consequences should follow for people who park illegally in the Commuter Lot.

I decided to attend the first

Commuter Council meeting of the year. The hot topic of discussion: lack of parking. Relieved to know that I wasn't the only unhappy student, Jill Ahearn, president, added emphatically, "Parking is a BIG problem." Everyone expressed their own inconveniences, and I was especially upset about the story that a student named David Harman shared. He came in to school one afternoon around 12:30 p.m. and when he circled campus and found no spots in any of the lots he was permitted to park in, he was forced to park at the Trumbull Mall and walk back to campus. Incidents like this are ridiculous and intolerable.

As a commuter I feel that I should be entitled to a parking spot in the lot that is designated for me. I do not have a choice if I want a car on campus or not, therefore I find it very unfair that students who do not require cars (like selected freshmen and East Hall residents) have them and park in places other than North Lot. If the school cannot solve the parking problem immediately, then maybe they should not allow so many students to have cars at all. And for those who do have cars, the least I can ask is for you to not park in the lots that you are not permitted. Someday Sacred Heart will solve many of its problems, and I hope the parking gets put on a high priority list. Until then I remain one unhappy commuter, and I am counting the days until graduation.

Aimie Likens
Commuter student

Mission statement crossroad

Back to Sacred Heart University for the fall semester of 2001; where new students are filling up tiny dorms rooms by the day. Being introduced to a totally new atmosphere; where individualism and responsibility are influenced, these pupils are placed where most of them have never been before, almost all of them dream of, and some are petrified of. This community, led by the President (and professor) Anthony Cernera, sets his standards high for hope of building a well-rounded community of intelligentsia; with foresight that by graduation they will "develop an appreciation of their personal worth, individual gifts, and academic potential."

Scrutinizing the university's mission statement, which its primary focus is "to assist in the development of people who are knowledgeable of self, rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, responsive to social and civic obligations, and able to respond to an ever-changing world", I find myself questioning this initial premise. Does the university reject those who are not all of those things preceding their entry into this higher co-educational institution; for stated previously, this university "assists in the development of people who are knowledgeable of self...rooted in faith..."? Basically, the school is so exclusive and prestigious that it only accept students who are so intellectually developed that they are knowledgeable of themselves, rooted in faith, educated in mind; at the young age of 17,

even prior to entry of college! Why is it that old folks are known as wise men than; they should come to Fairfield, Connecticut and observe all these fine students of Sacred Heart University; who have attributes prior to enrolling that most people search for their whole lives. Sounds like these students do not need to come to a higher co-educational institution; they should go directly to the 'real world'.

Refocusing upon the positives of this document; where stated just about in the middle that "Sacred Heart University students are offered a wide variety of opportunities to develop an appreciation of their personal worth, individual gifts, and academic potential", sounds like this institution provides the building blocks to inventing and refining a good and virtuous life. If that second paragraph concluded the testimonial, than I surely would have applauded Dr. Cernera's attempt to represent the school's effort to shaping a good community; but seems that he contradicted himself in the very next paragraph; the third and final one.

Stating, "It (catholic intellectual tradition) motivates them to grow intellectually, spiritually, and morally in a world of opportunities and choices; and it encourages them to reach out to those in need, especially the poor, and to assume responsibility for making their world a better place.", provides a dire contradiction. In the previous paragraph a student "develops an appreciation of their personal worth, individual gifts, and aca-

demic potential" in engaging this community; but if these students are really influenced to find their personal worth and what gifts they have in relation to themselves only, than why is the stipulation of helping poor people (who made the choice to be and stay poor) thrown in the equation as if it is a condition one has to do abide by to realize their personal worth? So one's worth lies conditionally outside of themselves, only realized by actions of which they do for others? I think I am starting to understand the Catholic perspective more clearly now. I guess Tom Hanks' survival instincts on that deserted island in Castaway did not portray any individual worth; considering no one was around to validate him by allowing him to give to them. Also, would a world of choices put a religious stipulation on how to find personal worth?

The reason for writing this critique is in representation of the intelligent students in this community, all of them from what this mission statement says; and would like a response from the higher spokesperson on the obvious flaws that have been pointed out. Take this as a cry for help; the students need the wisdom of these higher visionaries, but all they have gotten is contradictions through over-inflated language; keep it honest and truthful, for that is what students who are knowledgeable of self know.

Tony Perri, I.A.
Sophomore



Features

The University Choir and the SHU Show Choir, graced the stage at numerous performances last year.



Contributed Photo.

SHU choirs sing a new song

By Janine Graffeo
Staff Writer

Want to raise your IQ ten points?

Join a choir.

"Music engages the mind in a whole different way. It re-aligns the thinking process in the brain, and at the same time, it helps to re-organize," said Patricia Smith, Music Coordinator at SHU.

"Students who have been involved in music throughout their high school years have showed a 5% increase in the size of the brain. Some students have scored 35 points higher on their SAT scores," said Smith.

Smith also explained the Mozart Effect, a phenomenon that describes the brain's ability to retain more information from studying while listening to classical music.

Smith said, "The most important benefit of music is

that we can use it in the outside world. When we begin our job search upon graduation, we can use our 'critical thinking' skills which we have obtained from studying, reading and playing music."

Besides stimulation of the brain, music may reduce stress, build confidence, and provide an opportunity to showcase vocal talent.

Regina Dempsey, a sophomore member of the Show Choir said, "Being in the choir allows me to clear my mind. It's a great way to reduce stress."

Dempsey is looking forward to an upcoming show, the Music of Stephen Sondheim, which is a collaboration of show tunes from West Side Story and Sweeney Todd. The performance will be held on December 8th.

Students at SHU have the option of joining the University Choir or the Show Choir.

Smith explained the differ-

ence between the two.

"The University Choir sings classical choral music on the risers like the big choirs that sing with orchestras. The Show Choir is a song and dance troupe that performs on a stage singing and dancing the music from musical shows - much like taking the drama away from a musical and leaving the big musical numbers," said Smith.

SHU is one of the first universities to offer a show choir on the East Coast. The music program began with three members and has grown to 560. Show choir currently consists of 30 members and University Choir consists of 60 members. Smith acknowledges the rapid growth as "quite an accomplishment for such a short period of time."

Members of both choirs are team players. Choir members are encouraged further by practicing with tapes to enhance their talents. Both choirs have

attracted men and women of diverse backgrounds; members participate in extra-curricular activities ranging from wrestling, track, and tennis, and with majors varying from pre-law to business.

Brett Wallace, a sophomore and business major who is in Show Choir and University Choir said, "I have always had a passion for the theater and I look forward to participating in the shows. My favorite show last year was Tribute to America - we did some swing dancing. It was great."

Smith has been on staff at SHU for over a year and many may think she has performed miracles with the music program.

Smith's enthusiasm may be a contagious quality that continues to attract students to the program.

Though Smith has accomplished much with the program,

she has new goals. Smith hopes to see the institution of a vocal/jazz group, lectures by guest artists, and ultimately the establishment of music as an academic major at SHU.

The University Choir is performing a Christmas concert on Dec. 9th (including the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah"). The concert will be an annual event; alumni, faculty, and guests will be asked to join in singing of the Hallelujah Chorus as a tradition at Christmas.

The choir will also be performing at the President's Society Dinner held at the Woodland Country Club in Darien on Dec. 1. The dinner is for individuals who have made substantial contributions to the University.

Both choirs are open to full-time students and all are encouraged to participate.



"Music engages the mind in a whole different way. It re-aligns the thinking process in the brain, and at the same time, it helps to re-organize."
Patricia Smith



What's all the rave about?

By Ryan Greenfeld
Staff Writer

Ecstasy, Special K, Coke, and Acid. These are just a few of the drug buzzwords that people associate with raves.

People forget that drugs are not just at raves, but also everywhere. Music and dance is the essence of raves.

Yes, some people do drugs at these events but some people do drugs everyday and everywhere around the world.

Substance abuse can be found in every walk of life, every community and in every group or at any event.

Why stereotype people because they like non-conventional music or because they do not dress in the cookie-cutter fashion of the majority?

Brett Wallace is a sophomore at Sacred Heart who considers himself to be a party kid, a description used to identify Ravers.

Wallace has been in the rave scene only a year but already is dedicated to it.

Wallace is a member of the Alpha Sigma Psi fraternity, the SHU show choir, and a member of the SHU Players.

"We are just people from all around who bond with music," explained Wallace. "People don't understand what Ravers are. We are not all druggies."

"I know a lot of people who are straight edgers. People don't want their kids to go [to raves] because they think of all the drugs and everything. Well, if

that's the case, parents shouldn't send their kids to college. There are more drugs there!"

Many people in society say they enjoy all types of music, and the music heard at a rave has much more diversity because it has a live DJ at least every hour.

The disc jockeys have so much enthusiasm about their music that the crowd is moved to interpret each DJ's special blend of music through their own dance movements.

An example of this enjoyment for music was seen and experienced at Sacred Heart on Monday at the Pitt Center when the "Battle of the Beats" was held.

At this event, a very diverse crowd was united through a shared love of music.

Some music played that night was a form of "techno", called house music.

Joe Sousa, a freshman from Rhode Island, attended the event.

Sousa has been in the rave scene since he was fifteen years old.

He is an associate member of the fra-

ternity, Omega Phi Kappa.

"Everyone is out for the same thing: to have a good time," said Sousa.

"Raves bring together young people in a comfortable environment where they can be anything they want to be... it is the music that connects" - Junior Matt Mulvey, Bloomfield, N.J.

dress code either, in comparison to a club.

Junior Matt Mulvey from Bloomfield N.J. has been in the scene since he was seventeen.

"Raves bring together young people in a comfortable environment where they

can be anything they want to be. It also gives outcasts a place to mingle with anonymity and be themselves or what ever they want to be," said Mulvey.

"It is easy to get caught up in the drug aspect and lose sight of why people put raves together. It also gives younger people a false depiction (of raves) and they usually get twisted in the end. But it is the music that connects," he added.

According to Mulvey, Wallace, and Sousa, many people have misconceptions of raves, forgetting the importance of music.

Music is a vital part of life and in the rave world it defines the rave. Drugs do not define it. And while a Rave cannot occur without music and dance, it CAN occur, and it DOES occur without drugs in many cases.

In many clubs or warehouses where these raves take place, high security measures are taken. At all entrances they have a pat down to find potential drugs. They also have metal detectors to find weapons, and to prevent fights.

Wallace said, "We are used to seeing people from all walks of life, and with all types of different views. We are the ones who can look at someone new and smile."

"You go there and all you have are your friends, people who are into the same scene as you, and the music."

They are fun, pure enjoyment. It is where I go to get away from it all. It isn't all drug filled and bad like everyone thinks," said Wallace.

WARNING: You may turn into a Potato Head

By Keysha Whitaker
Features Editor

Do you remember the old childhood game, Mr. Potato Head? Remember playing with a hard plastic potato with a bunch of holes in it for pegged facial features?

You could make Mr. Potato Head's face look anyway you liked: eyes on top of the head, ears where the nose should be, mouth on the side of the head, shoe for an eye - it was the most hilarious sight.

Look at silly Mr. Potato Head.

You'd laugh for a few moments, then take all the pieces off Mr. Potato Head and start all over, preparing yourself for the grand finale when you could step back, laugh, and call everyone over to laugh at your creation as well.

But it never seemed like anyone ever won at the game; Mr. Potato Head was just passed around until people got tired of playing.

Sometimes in life, I think we all are like Mr. Potato Head.

In fact, we probably all have been Mr. Potato Head at one time or another.

There are times in life when outside forces influence our thoughts, ideals, values, and actions. For various reasons, we become vulnerable and allow people to "rearrange our faces" into who they think we should be, and what they think we should look like. If undetected, this rearrangement happens over and over again.

We may let ourselves be rearranged because we are not sure of who we are, or we place too



much value on other's opinions of who we should be.

We let people's perceptions of us, mold us and shape us, often times putting our eyes and noses in the wrong places.

And in the end, we're not laughing; we're often sad because we feel empty and out of place, since our "face", our identity, has been created for us and is distorted.

You can't see if your eyes are on top of your head, yet we continue to allow ourselves to stumble around like confused Mr. Potato Heads, for whatever reasons.

Take some time out and think about whether you're being used as a Potato Head.

If you are aware of the way people rearrange you, you will be more equipped to prevent it from damaging your personality and from reoccurring in the future.

Once you decide where you want your eyes and nose to be, place them there. And when you're finished, glue the pieces and end the game. This time, Mr. Potato Head finally wins.

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Arts & Entertainment

“Serendipity” Releases It’s Magical Presence to Movie Theaters This Weekend

By John Ruggiero
A & E Editor

I think it’s amazing how you wait all summer long for the best film to come out and then it hits you in early fall.

That happened to me with “Serendipity.” I am a huge John Cusak fan, so I saw the trailer for this film back in May and it had a release date that said the film was to come out in mid-August.

Unfortunately, I waited all summer long for this movie to come out only to be greatly disap-

pointed. I was disappointed that most movies I viewed this summer weren’t that good, and I was disappointed because I couldn’t wait to see the film.

Then, all of a sudden, a late September commercial shows that “Serendipity” is coming out in early October. Lucky for me I caught a sneak preview last weekend.

I had a feeling that out of the two Cusak films that were coming out in recent months that this would be the best of the two.

Not saying anything bad about “America’s Sweethearts,” because I enjoyed the film greatly, but there was just something special about this movie, hence the title, “Serendipity.”

The film stars Cusak and Kate Beckinsale, who you might remember as the female lead in “Pearl Harbor.”

Beckinsale is amazingly fantastic and loveable as the character Sara Thomas. Both Beckinsale and Cusak meet awkwardly in a New York department store around Christmas 1991 and have a fantastic day out on the town. As fate would have it both seemed to lose one another in a

New York minute, so-to-speak, and the two went along their merry ways not to see each other for nearly a decade.

Ten years later, they still have constant reminders of one another passing in and out of their lives. Both put aside their current situations and “engagements” to other people to go after one another. But Beckinsale, who lives now in San Francisco, and Cusak who still lives in New York, find trouble making contact along the way.

Trouble in that its nearly impossible to find someone whose number you do not possess and whose last name you do not know.

But that’s why they call this film “Serendipity” because the film is nothing short of magical. The movie also has an amazing supporting cast that includes Molly Shannon, formerly of Saturday Night Live, as well as Jeremy Piven who has been in so much lately. I most remember him for “PCU.” There’s also a cameo from Eugene Levy, who you would remember from the “American Pie” films.



Cusak and Beckinsale bring humor and romance to “Serendipity”

“Serendipity” is directed by Peter Chelsom, who uses the beautiful New York atmosphere and romantic snowy weather to make the film a major success. Also written by Marc Klein, who helped write the 1995 hit film “While You Were Sleeping” starring Sandra Bullock.

What more can I say about this film than it’s the best I’ve seen in a long time. To be a true winner a film needs to click on all cylinders, and this one definitely does.

“Serendipity” has a great story, fantastic chemistry between the lead characters, and timely acting from a great supporting cast. The use of New York City and San Francisco helps, as well as the choice of the season with the snow falling, which gives the film a romantic and magical feel to it.

Please go see “Serendipity” which is the best in a long time of what has been a slow crop of good Hollywood films.

How to Party Like A Rock Star

By Chris Economy
Contributing Writer

I’m not an alcoholic. I’m about a stumble and a half away from being one, but being in Sigma Delta Chi means its part of the gig. Alcoholics go to meetings; drunks and luses go to bars. Like groupies to a rock star, alcohol is the same thing to college students. So if you want to be like Kid Rock or Tommy Lee, with the exception of Pamela Anderson, this is how you can do it 24/7 here in the greater Bridgeport area.

Sundays: if you’re going to go to class on Monday, you might as well go with a hang over. Well, that’s what my Uncle told me. Not that he ever went to college, but the thought does count. The appropriately named Black Rock Castle on Fairfield Avenue has no cover charge, and includes a Gaelic ambiance and seven dollar pitchers of Sam Adams. Now that’s a bit pricey for a pitcher, but it’s an ale. Ale’s have more alcohol by volume than normal beers do, so after only a few pints you’ll be seeing double.

Mondays: if you went to class this morning with a hang-over you might as well do it again. Try Fairfield Avenue for Monday Night Football. Enjoy the big game of the week at Chubby’s, which is across from the Black Rock Castle. Chubby’s offers a “Cheers” like atmosphere, with two dollar pints and 25 cent buffalo wings. What’s more American than that? Watch the game, drink some beer and eat some wings.

Tuesdays: With your second hang over of the week already under your belt in as many days, go for the hat trick. Get out to The Bear and Grill on Black Rock Turnpike after 10 p.m. for two dollar bottles, half price pizza and 25 cent wings.

Wednesday: It’s the end of the week, because in college the weekend starts on Thursday. So now, the place to go is The Green Room, also on Fairfield Avenue. With it’s Wednesday Night Underground there’s no cover, two dollar bottles of Rolling Rock, and live music from local punk and alternative rock bands. So sit back on one of The Green Room’s many couches, drink a

Rolling Rock and enjoy the show.

Thursday: The first official day of the weekend begins with two simple words for you: “The Page.” Five dollars gets you in, but you can’t complain about the dollar pitchers from 9 to 10 p.m. I know it ‘ginny’ beer, but it’s cheap, it’s wet and it has alcohol in it. So drink it!

Friday: Everybody complains that there is nothing to do on Friday nights. That is not true at all. At the end of Fairfield Avenue, there is a bar showcasing live music called the Black Rock and Blue, and has a real New Orleans feel to it.

Included in the five dollar cover charge is the price of admission with great live music, but also dollar pints all night long. If you have nothing to do on a Friday night and like beer and live music, check out the Black Rock and Blue.

Saturday: It’s the last day of the weekend, so make it count! I don’t seriously have to tell you where to go, do I? Well, if you’re still guessing, the answer is Murphy’s Law, on the opposite side of Fairfield Avenue. Don’t confuse it with Sal’s Tavern,

unless you’re a transvestite. Then that would be the place to go. Murphy’s has a DJ, dollar drafts from 9 to 10 p.m, and five dollar pitchers of Ice House.

The above is the formula to party like a rock star, just make sure you’re 21, and please be careful.



Photo by Ryan Greenfeld

Economy shows Sacred Heart students how to party like a rock star all week long.

Behind the Scenes at WHRT: Chris Economy's New Sound

By Kathleen Haughey
Contributing Writer

While the average Sacred Heart student may have just heard in passing "Hooligan's Holiday," the radio show hosted by Chris Economy, they probably have heard more than just a passing comment about the band that is the inspiration for the show's title.

While Motley Crue, the author of "Hooligan's Holiday," may not be a common fixture on the radio or hallways of SHU, they are a prominent influence in the life of Chris Economy, a senior from Red Bank, New Jersey.

For 20 years, Motley Crue has been selling out stadiums with their constant effort of redefining themselves, always coming up with something new and better. In a similar fashion, Economy is always finding a new way to do what he loves, to work in the field of entertainment. At a young age, Economy longed to be a rock star, but without the ability to sing or

play an instrument, he decided the best road for him would be to present to others the wonders of music. In his four years here at SHU, Economy has chosen to pursue the field of Media Studies and work at WHRT. He has hosted his own show since his freshman year and can be heard Wednesday afternoons, 1 to 3 p.m. Through his show, he is trying to bring his fervor for the electric to the halls of SHU.

This year, Economy will have a larger hand in bringing new music to the station. He was chosen to be the manager of WHRT. Economy's first act of business at the station was to contact the College Music Journal. Since last year, SHU has been receiving funding from the FCC, which supplies college radio stations with music courtesy of the CMJ. However, approximately 70% of the music they have supplied Economy has labeled as "crap." On his show, he started "The E List," (the Economy list) comprised of CD's containing brand new music, such as singles that are new to radio as a whole, not just college radio. The list also contains obscure new music, some

from bands that are signed to major labels and not necessarily played on the radio yet, or local bands that have yet to be signed by a record label.

Through the list, Economy is trying to mix up the sound of not only his show on WHRT, but the music that the station plays as a whole. Economy wants the station to get back to its roots, by having more of a typical

music that they couldn't really hear if they just turned on any radio station. He wants more of an unconventional sound. He is always more than willing to take suggestions. "I'll play anything as long as it's not obscene, and as long as it's not crap," said Economy.

Economy also wants the radio station to be able to expand its audience. This year

pus housing. The WHRT staff is trying to obtain another receiver to put on top of East Hall, one of the largest buildings in Bridgeport, in order to possibly reach as far as Avalon Gates.

In the years to come, Chris Economy wants to journey into the field of television music, saying that he'd rather be a VJ, than a DJ. He sees better opportunity on TV where he can be



After twenty years together, Motley Crue continues to rock for their loyal fans everywhere.

"college" sound. By that, Economy means that he wants to expose SHU students to the

with the help of a new receiver activated on the top of Curtis Hall, it is able to reach all cam-

animated and "jazz things up" and appeal to the audience's eyes, as well as their ears.

"Hearts in Atlantis" Combines Mystery and Humanity

By Erik Hanson
Contributing Writer

The adaptation of Stephen King's "Hearts In Atlantis" makes the transition from page to screen wonderfully.

It combines a level of humanity that was lacking in the summer films, with a level of mystery to produce a film to rave about.

The story chronicles Bobby Garfield, an 11 year old boy, who is simply infatuated with a bike he cannot afford. His mother adopts an approach to life-the glass is half empty-by blaming their shortcomings from the father that died six years ago. While at the same time leaving a number of debts due to his gambling habits.

Bobby's summer continues to disappoint when he receives a library card instead of the bike he wanted for his birthday. Until Ted Brautigan, played by Anthony

Hopkins, moves into an apartment above Garfield's.

Brautigan is a man of mystery, and he has a psychic ability to read minds and suggests Bobby help him out with a problem. The problem is Ted is on lookout for the low men in top hats that are after him for reasons I'd rather not divulge.

Bobby notices when spending time with Ted that he falls into lapses and spells and loses all awareness. Bobby starts to worry for his safety and realizes that Ted's gifts of mystery and psyche may be passed by simple contact.

Bobby stands up to his mother, and rightfully so, seeing that she is to blame for everything bad that happens to them along the way.

We come to learn that Ted may not be on hot pursuit by you-know-who and Bobby prevents Ted from receiving knowledge based on his desire to just keep Ted around.

"Hearts in Atlantis" is directed by Scott Hicks of "Shine."

The film hits you right in your heart, no pun intended, to make us realize how important relationships are.

As well as how the past reflects who we will become. the past does not come back to haunt us, but simply reminds us of a moment when we were happiest.



Hopkins shows his worth in "Hearts"

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vs. UMBC
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@ Fairfield
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Sunday
Men's Soccer
@ Robert
Morris
1 p.m.

Sunday Cont.
Field Hockey
vs. St. Francis
12 p.m.

**Men's Ice
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vs. McGill
5 p.m.

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Men's Soccer
vs. Holy Cross
3:30 p.m.

**Women's
Soccer**
@ Albany
3 p.m.

Wednesday
Field Hockey
vs. Brown
3:30 p.m.

**Women's
Volleyball**
@ Quinnipiac
7 p.m.

White squad tops red in annual SHU men's ice hockey exhibition

Compiled By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

This past Saturday the men's ice hockey team played its annual "Red-White" scrimmage at the Milford Ice Pavilion. The White team defeated the Red team 6-2 despite being out-shot 37-32.

White set the pace early, when junior Rich Naumann (Boerne, TX) scored unassisted less than a minute into the game.

White monopolized the scoring in the first period with two more goals by junior Chris Affinati (Highland Park, IL) and Nick Mutchler (Hamden).

First period goalkeepers, White's Kevin LaPointe (Quebec City, PQ) and Red's Eddy Ferhi (Charenton, France) saved 8/8 and 4/7 shots, respectively.

Senior Paul Sposito (Wethersfield) added another for White in the second period.

Red then sent two goals past John Alvino from junior Bryan Reilly (Westbury, NY) and sophomore Mike Bilbao. Sophomore Phil Denema scored White's fifth goal of the game to put the score at 5-2 going into the third period.

Freshman Chad Rechcygl (Pewaukee, WI) was able to stop 13 out of White's 15 shots in the second period.

Third-period action saw some shooting, but little scoring. Nutchler scored his second goal of the game, getting one past



Red and White face off in men's hockey exhibition

freshman Bryan Fogle, who went on to save 14 shots that period.

Sophomore Jon Faherty stopped all 10 shots he saw as White's third period goalkeeper.

Head coach Shaun Hannah enters his sixth season. In 1999-00 he was voted MAAC Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the Spencer T. Penrose Memorial Award as NCAA Division I National Coach of the Year.

Hannah expects SHU to challenge for this seasons MAAC championship.

The teams 2000-01 record was 14-12-5 (10-2-2 home, 4-10-3 away). SHU finished tied for fifth place in the MAAC with a record of 11-10-5.

The offense will be lead by top returners junior Martin Paquet (St. Catherines, Que.),

senior Chris Mokos (Lincoln Park, N.J.), and senior captain Lloyd Marks (Sydenham, Ont.) all of which had 26 points last season.

As a freshman, Paquet set school records with 18 goals and 40 points and was named MAAC Offensive Rookie of the Year.

Defensively, the team will look to junior Les Hrapchak (Wakaw, SK), senior captain Pete McRae, and Nutchler.

Returning goalie Ferhi is coming off a season in which he established a SHU record with a 2.40 goals-against average while logging 677 saves.

The team continues their pre-season play this Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Milford Ice Pavilion where they will meet McGill University in an exhibition game.

SHU Athlete of the Week

Konsig has 18 saves and three shutout victories against conference opponents last week

The Northeast Conference tabbed Leslie Konsig, goalkeeper for the Sacred Heart University Women's Soccer team, Player of the Week for her 18 saves and three shutout victories against conference opponents last week.

The Millburn, NJ native recorded four saves in a 3-0 win over Fairleigh Dickinson, 10 saves in a 1-0 victory against St. Francis (PA) and four saves in a 1-0 win over Robert Morris.

"I think Leslie is the best keeper in the NEC. She is an outstanding athlete who plays

part-time soccer as she is on a softball scholarship," stated head coach Joe Barroso.

Last season, Konsig was named to the all NEC second team for her 63 saves, 1.00 GAA and 6 shutouts on the year. She currently has 68 saves, a 1.11 GAA and five shutouts this season.

The 5-8 sophomore was also selected as the NEC Rookie of the Week last year during the week of Oct. 2.

Barroso felt it was important for people to know that Konsig is not only good on the field, but off the field.

"She is good to be around, her teammates love to be around her," said Barroso.

despite a 0-4 start to the season, the Pioneers (5-4-0, 5-0 NEC) are currently on a 5-0 win streak, good for first place league standing.

The Pioneers are more than half way through the season with eight matches left, which Konsig and her teammates have their eyes set on being the first team in SHU history to take home the NEC title.

Unsung Hero: Geiger an extraordinary athlete captures the heart of SHU

By Mike Di Pietro
Contributing Writer

"I'm just another lacrosse player," said Danny Geiger. When Danny stepped foot on Sacred Heart University's campus this fall he may have thought that he was just an ordinary freshman, though he is far from it.

The 19-year-old, Long Island native is a member of the men's lacrosse team, however he is quite different from the rest of the team in his own special way. Danny has been deaf since birth.

When Danny was old enough, he was enrolled at a special school for the deaf from kindergarten to sixth grade but he did not enjoy going to school.

"When you go to a deaf school, you tend to focus on being deaf all the time. Being in a regular school allows you to become more of a well rounded person," said Geiger.

Danny then made the transition to Suffolk County public school district. He attended

William Floyd High School and was an impact player on its varsity lacrosse team.

Danny said that while deafness has made it tough to play lacrosse, his most demanding challenge is in the classroom where he learns with the aid of an interpreter.

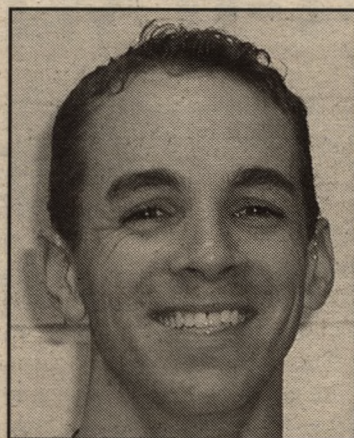
Two of Danny's teachers e-mail him a set of notes for each class but for the others he relies on the information conveyed to him through his interpreter.

Danny said that being deaf is trying but he is learning to communicate and understand others with the help of the Cochlea Implant that he received four years ago.

Danny grew up with a regular hearing aid and said that it was difficult to understand things. Learning as well as reading was very hard so he decided to have Cochlea Implant installed. To have this implant put in, Danny had to undergo a dangerous major operation that required cutting through his skull.

Wires with 24 different frequency channels that allow

Danny to decipher sound were implanted in his cochlea, which is the part of the ear that enables a person to interpret sounds. With this implant, Danny can now hear everyday things like his name, a doorbell, some music and a car horn.



Danny said "It was strange to hear for the first time and it gave me a terrible headache but I've since gotten used to it."

Where Danny is most comfortable, however is on the lacrosse field.

"I live for lacrosse," said Geiger.

He was first introduced to the sport by his father, who took

him to see the professional New York Saints play. Danny immediately fell in love with the sport and has been playing ever since.

When he was younger, it was a regular occurrence to see him sleeping with his lacrosse stick in his hands.

Seven years later Danny decided to come to SHU. Danny said that lacrosse here at SHU is "wonderful." He said that his visit to Sacred Heart was great and all the people made him feel very welcome. He felt very secure and at ease here.

"No one stares or watches me here. I'm treated just like everyone else," stated Geiger.

He enjoys working hard and improving himself everyday and likes all of his teammates.

Lacrosse is a very physically demanding sport that requires constant verbal communication to be successful.

Senior captain Mike Levchenko said "Danny is really adjusting well. He reads lips very well and learns plays and drills by watching what the other guys do."

Coach Tom Mariano said,

"Danny has had a huge influence on the team. He brings a great attitude to practice everyday and he's a pleasure to coach."

Danny has had a big impact on his teammates, some of whom have learned sign language so that they can communicate to him.

Dan DeVoe, a junior midfielder said, "Danny has really inspired me. When I see him working so hard it makes me want to work just as hard. I want to learn how to sign because he's a great kid and I want to get to know him better."

Danny is not an average freshman at Sacred Heart, though not for reasons that you may think.

Danny has overcome great adversity and taken on huge challenges to get here. He refuses to let his disability get the best of him in the classroom or on the field.

No matter how ordinary he may think he is Danny will always be extraordinary to those around him.

Dance team still has the right moves

By Tayanna Rocourt
Contributing Writer

"Dance isn't a form it's a way of life." This is a quote that many of the dancers on the SHU Dance Team can relate to. To, these girls, dance is everything and has been that way to many even before they became a dancer on the team at SHU.

If you have been pass the studio at the Pitt Center, you will always see twenty-two girls dancing and practicing hard to perfect their moves and techniques.

Last spring, they got the opportunity to qualify to go to Daytona, Florida and compete in Nationals twice. Before school ended last year, they held try-outs and got thirteen new dancers to the team, each bringing a great deal of talent to the team.

As the year began, the girls have been practicing way before school was underway. They came to school early and had an intense pre-season schedule that started early in the morning and ran till night time.

"Practice is so important because not only do we need to connect with the music, but as a team," stated Jessica Field, a dancer on the team.

During pre-season, the dance team was notified that

they has to opportunity to be the Spirit Team for the Major League Lacrosse Championship Game, which was held and televised in Bridgeport this year.

The girls performed at the Championship game, and helped get the crowd pumping by handing out tee shirts and holding crowd games throughout the night.

The dancers will be performing at the first home football game this Saturday. They will be dancing to the same dance they performed at the MLL game.

They are continuing to work on new routines, and keep on practicing their techniques to start preparing themselves for competitions in the future. Even though Nationals are not until April, the girls start early to prepare themselves for the tough competition that they will be getting from Florida.

The team has begun to start fundraising for this trip due to the amount of money it will cost to send the team. They would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

They ask that you support their annual Service Auction on Oct. 24 in the Old Gym. As Albert Einstein once said, "Dancers are the athletes of God." The girls just want to show the nation what the SHU dancers have got.

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Sports



SHU football remains undefeated with 34-0 win over Siena

By Keri Blair
Sports Editor

This past Saturday the SHU football team traveled to Londonville, NY to take on Siena College. SHU defeated Siena 34-0.

Quarterback Justin Holtfreter (Sr., Lancaster, Calif.) tied his own Pioneer record he had set the previous week by passing for 321 yards which lead Sacred Heart to victory.

After a comparatively mild start against Central Connecticut St., Holtfreter has stepped into high gear, passing for 321 yards in each of the successive wins over Robert Morris and Siena. In three games, he's completed 47 of 75 passes (62.7 percent) for 808 yards and six touchdowns. And he's yet to be intercepted.

The SHU defense, led by NEC Defensive Player of the Week Shaun Hubbard (Sr., Neptune, N.J.) limited the Saints to 24 yards in total

offense.

Hubbard, an all-NEC second team selection last year registered three quarterback pressures, caused one fumble and caused the interception that led to fellow teammate All-America linebacker Kayode Mayowa's (Jr., Providence, R.I.) steal and 25-yard touchdown.

Defensively, Mayowa leads the way with 21 tackles and three interceptions, two of which he's returned for touchdowns.

On the day, Hubbard also posted one tackle for a loss, one sack and four tackles overall.

Wide receiver DeVeren Johnson (Sr., San Diego) has been his most frequent target, with 12 receptions for a whopping 343 yards (28.6 per catch) and six TDs.

"The defense had a hell of a game. They held Siena to 24 total yards. They gave off the ball inside the 50 yard line ten times which made SHU work on the short field game.

"Kayode had a great game.

He was on top of the ball and made smart plays. Freshman Phil Banks had a very strong game as well.

"The offense got off to a slow start. We had a great mind set as always going into the game but we struggled a bit to put it all together. But in the third quarter we really picked it up and was able to come away scoring big," said senior running back Marvin Royal.

The Pioneers have moved from fifth to third in the national I-AA Mid-Major poll and seem to be rounding into peak form.

The Pioneers have their home opener this Saturday against St. John's at 2 p.m.

"We are really looking forward to this Saturday's game and we really hope that although it is a holiday weekend all the Pioneer fans will stick around to support the team and to witness a great game," said Royal



Quarterback Justin Holtfreter

Photo by J Gregory Raymond

Unsung Hero: Vecchio shines for Rugby



By Susan Pawlishen
Staff Writer

With a practice schedule of six days a week and games on Sunday the Men's Rugby team requires a strong commitment and dedication to be a part of the team. Steven Vecchio is glad to make that commitment.

Along with playing the position of "hooker" on the Rugby team, Steve is Mash Secretary of the Rugby team, where his duties include setting up game times and scheduling bus rides so the team can play.

Most athletes only view heroes as people who perform well on the field, but for Steve he is not only someone who gives it his all on the field, but also goes an extra step to make sure the games are scheduled and in order.

This demonstration of dedication is why Steve is said to be, "a role model to all SHU students, not only for his work ethic and determination, but his sportmanship on and off the Rugby field," stated teammate Steven Giunta.

Steve is a second-year player who displays excellent sport-

manship while he is contributing to the success of one of the most consistant teams on campus.

Steve is an ex-football player and states that like football he enjoys rugby because of the constant action.

Even though he has been a part of many teams in the past, Steve says being part of the SHU rugby program is the first time he has felt like he was a part of something.

Steve resides in Long Island, N.Y., but at Avalon Gates during his time here at SHU. Steve is a junior who majors in Legal Administration with aspi-

rations for a career in law. Aside from his studies, he is a member of S.I.F.E.

Steve is the kind of athlete that is not only worrying about his own performance but is looking out for the well-being of the team. Steve mentioned that the team is always looking for people to come out and play and he wants to make sure that the team is looked after in the future.

It is his commitment and dedication that the *Spectrum* recognizes Steven Vecchio as an Unsung Hero.

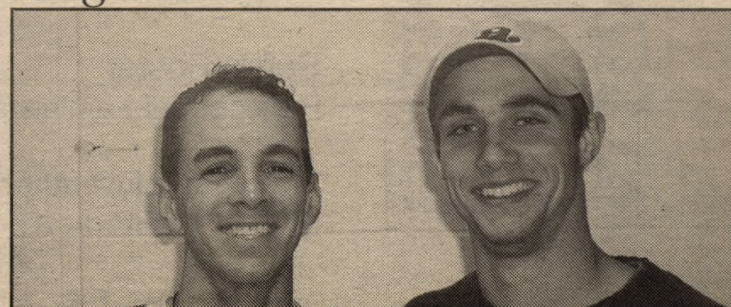
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Rich Naumann (White) faces off against Chuck Metcalfe (Red)

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Geiger (Left) with roommate, teammate and friend Matt Braley